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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## The Holy Spirit's Work

By Rev. Len. G. Broughton, D.D.

"Know ye the Spirit of God..."

—I John 4:2.

We hear a great deal in these days about experimental Christianity, but we do not hear as much about it as we ought to hear, or as our fathers heard. In their days it was a very much more vital question than it is with us. At the same time, in all evangelical churches we hear stress laid upon the necessity for experimental religion. Theoretically, no evangelical church of today professes to receive into its membership those who have not had a personal experience with Jesus Christ.

But there is another kind of experience that Christians ought to possess. It is enjoined upon them in the New Testament; and while it is not so vital as the kind just mentioned, it is nevertheless important for the life of the church and the development of the individual believer. It is about that experience that I desire to speak—the experience referred to by the Apostle John in the text—the experience that every believer ought to have with the Holy Ghost.

Now, John found it necessary in his day to instruct the church concerning the Holy Spirit because there were so many "isms" on every hand. It is needful for you, he said in effect, that you should know the Holy Spirit of God so that you may rightly interpret the workings of the Spirit in your midst.

We find it just as necessary to be so taught today. The church is beset with more "isms" than in the days of John. On every hand we are confronted with them. It is sometimes hard for us to tell which are the workings of Satan and which the workings of the Spirit of God.

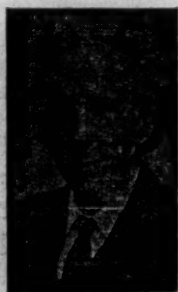
There is Christian Science, for example, and Occultism, and New-Thought-ism. Some of the "isms" may accomplish, along certain lines, something that is good and helpful, but on other lines they are seen to be very full of heresies and of evil.

Here, then, we have THE TEST OF SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.

I feel the importance of this test growing out of our environment. "Know ye the Spirit of God"—having personal experience with the Holy Ghost, so that you will know His workings upon your own heart, and will be enabled to interpret His work in the world.

The Spirit of God is revealed through the Word of God concerning His work in the world. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit should come and abide with

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Dr. Len. G. Broughton

## Clay Cooper, Foreign Correspondent for Sword

Evangelist Clay Cooper, of Spokane, Washington, has long been active as director of the World-Wide Monthly Tract Club, as Youth For Christ leader and speaker, etc. We have published some of his sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Now Brother Cooper as a member of the Cooper-Newman-Erickson Gospel Quartet and Youth For Christ Team go abroad for a second world missionary tour leaving Spokane, October 26, arriving in Africa in mid-November. They will work closely with missionary societies in French Equatorial Africa, in Nigeria, Gabon, the Cameroons, South Africa, India, Formosa, and China, God willing, and "the island world of Southeast Asia." Mrs. Cooper, with the two preachers, Clay Cooper and John Newman, and the layman Joseph Erickson, make up the evangelistic team.

Evangelist Clay Cooper goes as a foreign correspondent of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and will be sending notes from far-off places telling of soul-winning efforts and blessings. We look forward to brief articles with burning words from the missionary fields of the world in the months ahead from our own correspondent.

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It just goes to show how eager we are to build up the subscription list of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Knowing how this weekly paper can bless and help, encourage and strengthen, we can't help but wish we could get it into every home in America. We need your help to expand as we ought, and that's why we have made it just as attractive as we can. We feel sure the Lord's people will want to have a part in getting 50,000 new subscribers to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and we've arranged a premium list that will make it worthwhile. These gifts—useful and beautiful and helpful—will encourage you.

There's a list of premiums you can get with subscriptions on page 7. Glance over it now and see which you want to work toward. Then get busy and get in the subscriptions! You'll be having a part in the great blessing THE SWORD OF THE LORD can bring, and you'll benefit from it, too.

We pray that thousands will take advantage of this unusual offer. It's a real missionary work to get THE SWORD OF THE LORD into the homes of unsaved, and Christians alike. Souls are saved through THE SWORD OF THE LORD (83 last year) and many more will be saved this year, God willing, if

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## "Thou Fool"

By Evangelist Joe Miller, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

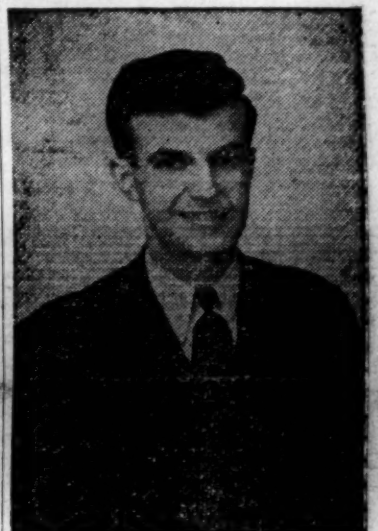
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"And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."—Luke 12:16-21.

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" There are a lot of people today who read that in the Bible and they think it very harsh that the Lord Jesus would ever call anybody a fool. We read back in the fifth chapter of the book of Matthew where the Lord says "...whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." And right here in this verse the Lord Jesus said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

Some people say, "If the Lord said you are not to call anybody a fool, then why does the Lord Himself call this man a fool?" Well, friends, there are a number of reasons for that. First, God has a right, and God has the privilege to do a lot of things that you and I do not have the right to do.

Suppose you say to me, "Joe, I want you to come over and visit me some time." And suppose tomorrow night as you come home from work, you look toward your front door and there you see a moving van. I am just carrying in



Evangelist Joe Miller

the last stand and the last chair. Suppose you say, "Joe, what are you doing?"

I say, "You told me to come visit you, so I just thought I would move in."

Suppose you say, "Well, as long as you are going to be here, I will go and get something for supper."

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## World Evangelization . . . . It Can Be Done

By Clay Cooper  
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"And Jesus, when he was come out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: SEND THEM AWAY, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: FOR THEY HAVE NOTHING TO EAT. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men."—Mark 6:34-44.

"It can't be done," I said, and then remembering the adage, "The man who said 'It can't be done'... got run over by the man who was doing it." The communists are doing it! Who can deny it? They are "evangelizing" the world! Not unlike the incredulity of Christ's disciples of long ago, was

mine...His follower of today. In that far-off time they had to learn to crucify the question, (Continued on page 11)



Rev. C. A. Cooper

## Editor Takes A Vacation!

By Grace Rice MacMullen


In 1935, Editor John R. Rice took off three days and visited Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico with Mrs. Rice and Dr. and Mrs. Sam Morris. He has not taken a vacation since then—not a week off in 17 years!

Last spring Dr. Rice held a revival in Cody, Wyoming. It was a time of blessing and of good fellowship. The warmth of his Texas background responded to the open-hearted, easy-going Western ways. The head of the Christian Sportsmen's Association, Ray Cyphers, invited Dr. Rice to return this fall for a hunting trip, and plans were made. He chose as his companions for the trip Dr. D. A. McCall and his two sons-in-law, Walter Handford and Allan MacMullen. (Associate Editor Bill Rice was invited but could not go.)

On Thursday, September 18, the four men loaded Dr. Rice's car with sleeping bags, red jackets, hunting knives and rifles, then they piled in and headed West. On Sunday Dr. McCall and Dr. Rice spoke at the morning and evening services of the First Baptist Church in Powell, Wyoming.

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# Preaching ~ Power ~ Promotion



"... the word of the Lord. . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By D. A. (Scotchie) McCall

**Prayer**

Prayer is personal. Prayer is to be persistent. Prayer is pervasive. Prayer is powerful.

There is to be a *place* of prayer. Jesus prayed in private, in public, in the mountains, in the garden, on a cross. The mighty God in the person of His Son prayed. Only puny mankind refuses to pray. The disciples went up to the temple to pray. They prayed in a house—it was shaken. They prayed in jail. They prayed in homes. Where do you pray?

There is to be a *period* of prayer. Jesus prayed before He chose His disciples. He was praying before He was arrested. He prayed while dying. He prayed at night. He prayed during the day. The disciples prayed for ten days. They prayed before the coming of the Holy Spirit. They prayed before a great revival broke out.

There is *power* in prayer. The disciples were unable to do anything for a devil-possessed man. Jesus told them such power was *but* by prayer and fasting. Jesus charged His disciples to have faith in God. The Holy Ghost comes in answer to prayer. We pray for forgiveness of sins.

Revival would break out if we *prayed*. We would not countenance sin if we prayed. We would be for every good work in His Name if we prayed. "Pray ye."

**Bible Building**

In this column we have called attention to the buildings erected in Bible times such as altars, ark, Tabernacle, Temple, and, the church as a building. The New Jerusalem is pictured in building terms as follows:

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south

three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."—Rev. 21:10-22.

We are on Bible ground when we speak of things built for the glory of God, and to be used by His people.

THE SWORD OF THE LORD promotes spiritual revival, is true to God's Word, is opposed to sin, honors God, exalts Christ, magnifies the Spirit, and so can claim God's promises of blessing and power.

Four things we need to place THE SWORD OF THE LORD in a position to help pastors and churches in an unexampled manner, and to win multitudes to Christ.

First, we need an adequate office, printing, and stock room building. In this building the work is planned, records are kept, books are written and distributed, tracts are written and mailed, letters by

# Noteworthy NEWS Notes

## B. B. McKinney Killed

Dr. B. B. McKinney, 66, music editor, secretary of the Department of Church Music of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and composer of more than seven hundred Gospel hymns, children's songs, and anthems, died five days after his car skidded and overturned September 2 in Bryson City, North Carolina. He was editor and compiler of four hymnals and nineteen song books. One of his songs, "Lord Send a Revival," has been used as a theme song in Billy Graham revivals. Funeral services were conducted in Nashville, Tennessee, Tuesday, September 9. Burial was in a Nashville cemetery.

## Rev. E. J. Pudney Visits Unevangelized Fields Mission Stations

Rev. E. J. Pudney, General Secretary of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, has visited four of the mission's eight mission fields during this summer. The trip took Rev. Pudney into British Guiana, Brazil, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic where services and conferences were held with the mis-

# Is It A Sin To Be Rich?

By the Editor

We have a letter from a good man in Nebraska, who saved, bought land, bought cattle, and with the help of his thrifty father, has become independent, owning a good deal of land, and making a good income. He asks, with real concern, whether it is a sin to be rich, and whether a man who earns more is entitled to more, and whether the time is coming in America, when opportunities for owning property will be limited because of a denser population.

Because there has been so much foolish teaching on this line, particularly in modernistic denominations, and in the Sunday School literature dominated by modernists and socialists, we give the editor's answer here.

September 2, 1952.

My dear Brother D.—

I thank you for your good letter, and I am glad to answer it and to give my opinion.

First, you were right in believing that a covetous heart is sinful. God does not want people thinking too much about money and about property. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. But the Bible does not even suggest that the rich man went to Hell because he was rich, nor that Lazarus was saved because he was poor. The rich man went to Hell because he would not repent of his sins. It is clear throughout the Bible that one who trusts in Jesus Christ is saved, and one who does not trust in Christ is lost. Having money or not having money; having land or not having land—these have nothing to do with salvation. Of course if a man should let his love for money or his love for anything else keep him from trusting Christ, it would result in his eternal doom. And after one is saved, if one has his mind too much taken up with making money, whether he is poor, or whether he is rich, it will dwarf his Christian life and make him more or less unfruitful as a Christian. The love of money is a great temptation, and covetousness is a great sin.

However, the Bible does not anywhere say that ownership of property is a sin. The Bible nowhere even hints that every man ought to have the same amount of property. Men do not deserve the same income because they do not work the same way. They do not spend the same way. They do not have the same kind of character. The clear Bible teaching is that earnings ought to be dependent upon one's work. One's reaping ought to be according to his sowing.

You have saved money, bought land, etc. It is true that there is now no more free government land, or very little of it. But there is really just as much chance to save money and to own property now as there ever was in America. An automobile worker in Detroit probably has more money to spend than you have, and could save money and have as good an estate as you have, in the same length of time, if he tried to. Or a man working in the steel mills and getting fifteen to twenty dollars a day, or working five hours a day in the coal mines and getting fifteen to twenty dollars a day, could save money and have an estate equal to your own if he wished to do so, and if he were willing to do without as you have done without. Laboring people who have new cars, who carry heavy insurance, who eat steaks and pork chops, who take long vacation trips, who have television sets, could have saved money as you did, and have owned property. Your idea that the frontiers in America have disappeared and that the opportunity for a man to save and own property and get ahead are diminished, is utterly wrong. Most of my adult life I have gotten considerably less than an ordinary carpenter or a bricklayer, or automobile worker gets. I have not saved up any property for myself, but my wife and I have given away over \$30,000 which we could have had for ourselves, saved by thrift, second-hand furniture, doing our own work, not spending money on vacations, not having as nice clothes as other people had, etc.

The opportunities for investment are no less now than they have been before. Some years ago hardworking friends of mine bought a house and lot for \$3,500. The other day they sold the lot alone for \$22,500, moved the house off to another lot. And that kind of opportunity for investment is wide open in America, and people are taking advantage of that all the time. You need not think that you got a special opportunity that other people do not have. And that kind of opportunity will continue for people who work and think and plan and save and invest. And I assure you that careful planning, hard work, thrift, saving, investment are not only legitimate but are proper and good, and are encouraged in the Bible. The Christian is commanded, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

sionaries. There were many conversions during the services.

## Best Seller Publicity Sponsors "Power of Verse" Contest

In honor of its fifteenth anniversary this year, Best Seller Publicity is sponsoring a "Power of a verse" contest. Contestants will write on "The Power of a Bible Verse in My Life" or "The Hope that Came Through a Best Seller Poster." All letters must be postmarked before midnight, December 1, 1952. For a copy of the rules governing the contest write to: Contest Department, Best Seller Publicity, 189 W. Madison Street, Chicago 2, Illinois.

## President Rex. Steward Lindquist of Rocky Mountain Bible Institute, 1226 Delaware Street, Denver, opened in 1951, expects to have 75 day-school students this winter, besides evening students. It is non-denominational, fundamental, premillennial.

Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (Prov. 6:6-8).

"The Bible does not indicate that it is wrong to be rich. Instead, the Bible plainly says that it is God that gives the power to get wealth. The Bible indicates that God specially blessed Job and gave him riches because he was a faithful, good man and deserved it. The Bible boasts about the riches of Solomon, a man who received special wisdom from God. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob gave God the credit for giving them wealth, and the Bible certainly teaches that their wealth came from God because they trusted Him and served Him. The foolish talk in Sunday School quarterlies and by denominational literature, particularly Methodist denominational literature, condemning the owning of wealth and capitalism, is not based at all upon the Bible. And if one could redistribute the wealth, giving people what they did not earn, it would not bless them but would curse them. And then if people were left to themselves, without the meddling of a socialistic government, for a few years, people would be divided again and those who work harder and are thrifty and saving, and are thoughtful; those who do not get drunk nor get divorces, nor depend upon the government, but simply go on in hard work and saving and thinking and investing, would get more money, and the spend-thrifts and the lazy ones and those who want the government to support them, would be poor again.

Third, there is a great responsibility that goes with property. The rich should give to the poor when they are needy. The rich should take special care to help in matters of education and benevolence. Through the years, great men have felt that responsibility, and nearly all of our educational institutions, our hospitals, our orphanages, the Red Cross, the community Chests, have been largely supported by the gifts of wealthy men and women, besides private benevolence. Rich people pay more taxes but they give far more to the poor and to benevolent enterprises and charities also. A generous heart ought to go with a thrifty disposition, and God will continue to bless the man who is liberal in heart. "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (Prov. 11:25). So the best way a rich man can use his money and his property is not by giving his property to the poor, or helping a socialistic government to "redistribute the wealth," but to see that he is liberal to God's causes and to poor people in real need and to charities that are carefully managed. And he should be sure that he gives God the glory for his wealth, that he uses his greater opportunity to do good in getting out the Gospel with his means. And thus he will do far more good than he could do if he were to give away his farm or his buildings, or his stock.

May God keep all of our thrifty, hardworking men of big earnings and good property holdings from having covetous hearts, and let them feel their responsibility and do good with their money.

In the Saviour's name, yours,  
John R. Rice



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# SPIRITISM

## Sometimes Misnamed Spiritualism

By Wm. C. Irvine

The Scriptures fail not to warn those living in the last days that many shall abandon the faith, "giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies" (1 Tim. 5:1, 2, R.V.). These spirits are well described as "seducing spirits," for they first seek to gain the victim's confidence and then to undermine his or her faith in the Word of God. When tempting Christ, Satan quoted (rather, misquoted) Scripture, and so do modern mediums; but like Satan in the garden of Eden, they soon seek to cast doubt on the Word of God and to belittle its authority.

Could anything be clearer than the following Scriptures:—

"And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a-whoring after them, I will even set My face against that soul, and I will cut him off from among his people. . . . A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them" (Lev. 20:6, 27).

### Growth of Spiritism

It was stated that in 1894 in North America alone Spiritism claimed 16,000,000 adherents, and that in the whole world there were 200 journals entirely devoted to its cause. Since the War, numbers caught in this awful delusion must have greatly increased. How far this cult has made inroads on Christian circles in the East we do not know; but we are saddened to see that a paper voicing Indian Christian interests, recently gave a somewhat favorable review of a book purporting to be a record of succession of private seances between a well-known scientist and his dead son.

### Not all Trickery

Although much that passes for spirit manifestation is pure trickery, doubtless real communications are at times received from the spirit-world. Were it not so, Spiritism would have collapsed long ere this, but as Tennyson has said, "A lie which is half a truth is a harder matter to fight than a lie outright." Many grief-stricken souls in their agony have sought for comfort in the hope that Spiritism holds out to them, of getting access to their beloved dead through a medium; little realizing the dread danger they run through tampering with forbidden things. With a host of enlightened Christians we believe that what messages are received from the spirit-world are not received from the souls of those who have passed through the veil, but from demons who impersonate them.

### Forbidden

The seeking after familiar spirits and the desire to get in touch with the dead is strongly and clearly forbidden by God in His Word:

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto wizards that peep and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:19, 20).

"There shall not be found

among you . . . a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto Jehovah. . . . For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners; but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do" (Deut. 18:10, 12, 14).

Do the leaders of Spiritism speak according to the Word?

In a standard work entitled *Spirit Teaching*, by an Oxford M.A., the personality of the Lord Jesus is denied (p. 250), the Bible account of the Fall of Man is a "legend and misleading" (p. 158), "future bliss" is not by faith in "notions of atonement and vicarious sacrifice" (p. 91), but by "merit that man lays up for himself by slow and laborious process" (p. 159). It denies resurrection, judgment to come and man's eternal destiny!

### Anti-Christian

Dr. Wisse, a noted Spiritist, said:—

All testimony received from advanced spirits only shows that Christ was a medium or reformer in Judea; that He is now an advanced spirit in the sixth sphere; but that He never claimed to be God and does not at present! (See article *Unitarianism*, p. 186).

At a Spirit Conference held at Providence, Rhode Island, U. S. A., at which eighteen States were represented, the following pernicious resolutions were passed:—

1. To abandon all Christian ordinances and worship.
2. To discontinue all Sunday Schools.
3. To denounce sexual tyranny.
4. To affirm that animal food should not be used.

Let 1 Timothy 4:1-3 be compared with the above last two clauses!

This anti-Christian character of Spiritism is witnessed to by other authenticated testimonies as well.

"Spiritism," says (Rev.) Thomas Waugh, "is a deadly foe to Christianity, and I have never known a Christian embrace it without becoming a backslider! What Paul calls a 'communion of demons,' acquired at a table of demons, invariably drives from the communion of the Table of the Lord (1 Cor. 10:21). Here is a remarkable testimony from a clerical advocate of Spiritualism as foremost as any. Recently in *Light* the Rev. Fielding-Ould, a London clergyman who has spoken on the platform of the National Spiritualist Alliance, and whose writings are recommended by Sir Conan Doyle, wrote thus:

No one has a right to call himself a Christian unless he believes in the Divinity of Jesus Christ. He may be a person of estimable character and greatly developed spiritually, but he is not a Christian. Take away the truth of our Lord's Divinity, on which the Church is erected, and the whole elaborate structure falls into ruins. It is upon that rock the great vessel of modern Spiritualism is in imminent danger of being wrecked. In the Spiritualist hymn-book the name of Jesus is deleted, e.g., "Angels of Jesus" reads "angels of wisdom." At their services His name is carefully omitted in the prayers, and the motto of every man is, "Every man, his own priest and his own

saviour." Christian spiritualists (!) who rejoice in many of the revelations of the seance, are alarmed. They are quite prepared to allow every man to make his own decision, but that the movement as a whole should be identified with Theism and that they themselves should be considered as having renounced their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, is intolerable. *Spiritism* is utterly discredited and condemned if it can be shown that the communicating spirits are the authors responsible for the anti-Christian tendency.

D. M. Panton, B.A., commenting upon the above, well says: "Mr. Fielding-Ould's language is that of a man who suddenly finds himself on the crater's edge of a live volcano." He then proceeds:\*

Still more decisive is the testimony of an Oxford physician, Dr. C. Williams. He says:

I am writing this not from choice and with a feeling of pleasure, but quite against my natural inclination, and with a feeling which is most painful. For the subject of spiritualism is as distasteful to me, and fraught with such unpleasant and painful memories, that were it not for a stern sense of duty, I should never be essaying the task. What, then, is my reason for attempting it? My reason I may say at once, is this: *Spiritism is, to my certain knowledge, such a deadly foe to the Christian religion that unless it is promptly and effectually dealt with and its true nature shown—and this must necessarily be done by those who know it, intimately and from personal experience, by those who know all about it and not merely "something" of it—I feel sure that before long our erstwhile Christian England will see its churches and places of worship practically emptied and the halls of the deadly enemy of the Christian Faith crowded to the doors with those who not long ago were Christians. And I make this statement deliberately and advisedly, for almost without exception everyone who becomes a spiritualist, sooner or later loses faith in the Christian Religion, nearly always gives it up altogether, and ultimately ends by becoming the bitter foe of that Faith which he formerly loved and esteemed.*

### Disastrous Results

A word of warning must now be sounded to those who are in danger of being captivated by this wile of the Devil. We give three instances showing how Spiritism has affected its victims:—

1. The most remarkable case of mediumship I have met with was that of a young lady, who commenced with a little seemingly innocent table-turning at a children's party, and finished up by death in a mad-house. (Reader Harris, K. C.).

2. Writing of a lady of his acquaintance Mr. F. Swanson says:—

Up to the time that her husband came into contact with Spiritism, he was all that could be desired. When he took to Spiritism he came in touch with a certain Spiritist woman, who claimed affinity. The result was this, that the man cruelly deserted his wife, and left her to die, as she is dying today, of a broken heart. That man today is passing as a leading official of a Spiritist circle in England.

3. As a young man Mr. Reader Harris, K.C., went with his father to the house of Dr. Gully, a leading Spiritist in Malvern, where Mr. Home, the great Spiritist writer and lecturer, lay dying. He tells how they went to make Mr. Home's will:—

But found it impossible to proceed, because of the rapping of spirits and general turmoil among the furniture of the room. Demons were already there in all their power to claim their victim, who had long yielded to them!

Dr. Beattie Crozier, the eminent physician, says:—

Three of my friends, men of eminence who really believe in Spiritualism, have told me they

\* In the *Bible League Quarterly*, Jan.-March, 1921. (The italics are ours except in the first sentence quoted.—Ed.)

have forbidden the very name of it in their homes, as if it were a thing accursed; because, by the "black magic" which is always a part of it, it so often leads to insanity and death. "But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake of fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

In the Editorial of *The Christian* (London), March 1st, 1917, on *The Snare of Spiritualism* the writer well says:—

Triviality is the very hallmark of spirit communications, and its most damning refutation. . . . That Spiritualism is beset with the gravest dangers, often resulting in moral degradation, madness and even death, its advocates admit.

### Spiritism and the Blood

We append two striking extracts, the first from an article by D. M. Panton culled from *Living Waters*, and the other from *The Life of Faith* by Dr. A. T. Schofield, the famous Harley Street Physician:—

Spiritualism is a planned and determined overthrow of the Christian faith. Dr. A. C. Dixon says: "Do you believe in the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation? Do you believe that the atoning blood removes the guilt of sin from the sin-stained soul? Ask the medium that. I have been asking that question all over the world for forty years: if there is any Spiritualist under the stars who believes that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin, and if I can find one who does, I am willing to apologize for all that I have said. I have never met one yet." And here is the answer of Sir A. Conan Doyle: "The whole doctrine of original sin, the Fall, the vicarious Atonement, the placation of the Almighty by blood—all this is abhorrent to me. The spirit-guides do not insist upon these aspects of religion." For the horror of what may happen now is but a faint shadow of that which is to come.

### A. T. Schofield's Condemnation

By the lips of Sir A. C. Doyle it denies the foundations of the Christian faith. It also makes a gross parody of heaven, denies *in toto* the resurrection, either of Christ or man, and the judgment to come.

Its dangers are terrible, and are incurred by all who dabble with the cult. Professional mediums suffer terribly in body, mind and morals, and the vast majority are victims to vice or drink. All spiritist leaders have given warning of these dangers, but Mr. A. F. Sennet's disclosures are the most awful, and those he dare not print, certainly more so. Indeed, these and the worst horrors of Bolshevism are so akin that one cannot doubt their common origin from the pit. To say that such obscene and bestial devils, as possess their victims as truly today as by the Sea of Galilee, are in any sense human, is an intolerable libel on humanity. Indeed their existence proves the falseness of spiritism and the fact of evil spirits in the other world.

With regard to attempts at necromancy, there is as yet no scientific proof of any communications with the dead, in spite of the most determined efforts. Before Mr. F. W. H. Myers, the distinguished author of "St. Paul," died, he resolved to make necromancy an undoubted fact, and before he passed away wrote a long communication in a sealed envelope, and gave it to Sir Oliver Lodge, saying that after his death he would reveal the contents of the envelope, which could then be opened. Mrs. Verrall, the medium, after his death, received this communication as she thought from Mr. Meyers, and it was sent to Sir Oliver Lodge, who then on December 13, 1904, sent a circular letter to the Council of the Society of Physical Research, and in their presence and in their rooms the communication was read. Then the letter was opened, and its contents were

## Book Reviews

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found to be absolutely different, and the experiment proved a total failure. Not only so, but in 1910 the President of the S. P. R. declared that no message from Mr. Myers had as yet been proved authentic. Moreover, Myers himself had forgotten he ever was a member of the S. P. R.

In the same way these supposed deceased spirits will give long messages for the "departed spirits" of men who are yet alive, from the imaginary brother and sister of only sons, and indeed from any suggested myth. The whole atmosphere is steeped in fraud. The *modus operandi* of the major part of the spiritual phenomena is very imperfectly understood. A small minority are due to the incursion of spirits (non-human) from another world, but the majority are the result of collective hypnotism or telepathy and the marvels of unconscious mind.

The trance is simply a condition of auto-hypnosis by which the medium is enabled to read and reproduce the unconscious minds and memories of the medium. It is thus that most messages supposed to come from the next world really come from this. But enough has been said to show the character of the cult, and when we consider the utterances of its latest apostle, Sir A. C. Doyle, who declares that our blessed Lord was a superior sort of medium, and he only regrets that He often lost his tongue, our minds recoil from the blasphemy, and I think every Christian should make the firmest stand against any traffic with spiritism in the present day. The supposed messages from the dead are delusions and the whole is steeped in injustice and fraud.

When the true spiritual life is more deeply cultivated and better known, Christians will be better able to detect the false spirits of this dangerous modern cult.

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## WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

**EVANGELIST PHIL SHULER** recently completed a Union Evangelistic Revival in Mobile, Alabama, sponsored by Christian Laymen and pastors of the area. Mr. Darrell Taylor led the singing and Mrs. Marie Shuler played the Hammond organ during the campaign. In addition to the many who were saved, four dedicated their lives to preach and twenty-one to full-time service. Several married couples and one whole family were saved. Dr. J. W. Stabler was appointed as chairman of the committee to make arrangements for a campaign next year.

**EVANGELIST O. W. STUCKY** reports blessing upon his work in Back to the Bible Revivals during the past few months. Travels have taken him from Florida to California. Many precious souls have been saved, he reports, and in the Bible work, over 37,300 chapters have been read and more than 300 folks have signed a Bible reading covenant which takes the reader through the Bible in one year. He

says that the winter and spring schedule is almost entirely filled now, but he still has a few openings. His address is 17345 Northrop Avenue, Detroit 19, Michigan.

At the half way mark, (September 19) in a Union campaign with forty Evangelical churches of the Rogue Valley, Oregon, area, **EVANGELIST JIM MERCER** tells of several marvelous conversions. A businessman who confessed embezzling company funds was pardoned from a three-year sentence. Two women of false cults found Christ, and an elderly man came to Christ. The meeting closed September 28. A more complete report will follow.

**EVANGELIST BOB OUGHTON** wrote on September 20, "My wife, Ann, went HOME to be with the Lord this morning at 12:13 a.m. She was completely paralyzed from polio. He doeth all things well." We know readers will remember him in prayer.



The picture above shows the crowds which attended the Union Revival with Evangelist Phil Shuler in Mobile, Alabama.

### "Thou Fool"

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per." You go out. Supposing that when you come back you find me in the front room in your finest chair, with your bedroom slippers on, reading your newspaper, with your radio turned on.

Now, friend, you have a right to do some things at your house that would not be very nice for me to do, and that is because you own your house. And God, by right of being the Creator, has the right to do some things, and He has a right to say some things which you and I never have any right to do or say.

Another reason why God can do that is because His judgment is never in error. I believe I read in THE SWORD OF THE LORD where Monroe Parker said: "If God calls a man a fool, you can put it down that that is what that man is." At a court trial down here, the evidence is never all in. There are always a lot of things in the hearts of men who are in the trial that the judge never knows and the jury is never able in this life to find out. But God knows all the evidence in every case. And if a man is a fool, God knows he is a fool. God has a right to say that is what He is. God has a right to say some things, God has a right to do some things that nobody has a right to say or do. God can act in perfect accuracy where you and I might make a thousand mistakes.

Now I don't think anybody ever made any bigger mistake than this fellow made in the parable that our Lord told. And when you get your eyes on the world, when all you can see is the fashions, when all you can see is money, when all you can think about are the material things of the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, the pride of life—and you think of that to the place where you have no time for the Lord or no time for God, then God says, "Thou fool."

I read one time of a rich man who had a very foolish servant, a very frivolous man. The rich man called in the servant and gave him a painted staff, saying, "If you ever meet a man who is a bigger fool than you are, I want you to give him that staff."

This servant went out carrying this painted staff. In the years to come he met a lot of men whom he did not think were up to par; he didn't think they were as good as he; so he was half tempted to get rid of the staff. But after he got to know them a little better, he found they were smarter than he was.

Years went by. The rich man became very ill. He called his servant in, for he was about to die. He said, "I have called you in. I want to say goodbye. I am going on a long trip from which I will never return."

The foolish fellow stood there holding the cane. He said, "You have always been a rich man. You have had a great palace. I suppose you have had a palace built where you are going?"

The rich man said, "No. I haven't."

The servant said, "Well, you say you are going on a trip, never to return; I suppose you are all prepared for wherever you are going to go?"

The rich man said, "No. When I get to where I am going, I will be a pauper. I won't have a penny." Then the foolish man replied, "Well, if you are going on a journey and never coming back, you must surely have known that you were going."

The rich man said, "Yes, I have known this from my infancy."

The foolish man said, "Do you mean to tell me that you knew from your infancy that you were going to go on a trip, never to come back? You didn't provide anything for the trip? You are not ready to go? Here is your cane."

### Rev. Donald George Becomes An Evangelist

Rev. Donald George, graduate of Elohim Bible Institute of Castile, New York, has felt led of God to leave the pastorate and spend full time in the work of an evangelist in which he has already been blessed of the Lord. We have a good letter from Mr. George M. Traher, Jr., president of the Perry Knitting



Company, Perry, New York, who tells of the earnest Christian work carried on in the plant by Brother Donald George, as he worked his way through Bible Institute, with many saved in the plant. Rev. E. D. Hettinger, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Plymouth, Pennsylvania, writes in glowing terms of the zeal and soundness in the faith of this young man. Rev. Earl W. Beal of the Baptist Church, Perry, New York, and our friend, gives a fine recommendation to the young evangelist, as does Rev. V. S. Greator of Rock Glen Baptist Church, Silver Springs, New York. Rev. Ken Dearstyne, Woodstock Methodist Church, Woodstock, New York, and Mrs. Charles Harrington, church clerk of Bumpville Union Church, both tell of good revival campaigns in their churches conducted by Brother George. Those interested in contacting this evangelist may write Rev. Donald George, 48 Pierce Street, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

He handed it back. "Of all the fools that I have met, I never met one of your equal."

That is the lesson in this parable which Jesus told. When you live for this world; no time for Christ; no time for His blood; no time to be saved and to live for God—God says, "Thou fool," and He speaks with perfect accuracy.

Now some people think it is no sin to covet, no sin to lust. They think it is a sin to get drunk. They think it is a sin to lie, to cheat, to steal and do things like that. But they cannot see that there is any sin in being covetous. Our Lord had a lot to say about that in His Word. In the Old Testament it says, "Thou shalt not covet." Paul said in Romans, chapter 7, "I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, 'Thou shalt not covet.'" Paul said, "I should not have evil desire. But I saw that I had evil desire and then by the law I saw that I was filled—from the crown of my head all the way through—with evil desire and sin."

The Jews used to say when a baby is born that he is born with his hands clinched, and grabbing for all he can get. But when you die, you die with your hands wide open. You don't take anything along with you to the grave.

Now I don't think this rich man lied. I don't think that he stole. I don't think Paul did; but Paul said that he had that kind of evil desire. Friend, you can have the finest land, you can have the most beautiful home, you can have all the money that this world can shove down into your pocket, but if you do not know Jesus, you are not rich before God. I can prove that from the Bible.

Jesus said to the Laodicean church, "You are rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing," but He said, "I tell you that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." You might have everything in the material nature, but when Jesus is knocking on the door, you are a pauper and a fool in the sight of God.

#### The Rich Man Had a Good Location

Now I would like to say a few things about this man in the parable. First, he had a good location. He lived on a farm. He had about the cleanest moral atmosphere there was back in that time. Be-

## Billy Graham at Pittsburgh

By the Editor

We are glad to have from the Billy Graham Party, copies of the *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph*, with write-ups of the Graham campaign now on in Pittsburgh.

Saturday, September 13, in an editorial, the *Sun-Telegraph* said the following:

"The Editor Says:  
"Billy Graham  
Is Big News"

"Billy Graham's evangelical campaign, drawing thousands of Pittsburghers nightly to Hunt Armory, is big news. Judged by any of the standards by which it may be considered, according to one's individual point of view, it is interesting. The *SUN-TELEGRAPH* is giving its reports of the meetings space and position allotted only to major news stories, and feels it is fully justified in doing so. Whether regarded as a great religious revival, which of course it is, or as an example of the power of an eloquent pulpit orator to sway human minds, or as a study of crowd psychology, Billy Graham's coming to Pittsburgh is an important event.

"Those bitter-minded cynics who like to sneer at big-scale revival meetings of this kind can find little material for sarcastic remarks. Sponsors of the campaign have disarmed potential critics of the possibility of calling it a 'racket' by disclosing that the evangelist is accepting no part of the donations. He receives a salary from his sponsoring organization—a salary which most workers in the learned professions would consider quite modest, especially in these days of inflated dollars and high taxes. And, while it is true that the minister sometimes gesticulates violently in driving home his points, no one can say, as has been said in the past of such meetings, that it is undignified. Billy

Graham commands respect. His appeal is to reason; he tries to minimize emotionalism.

"Even the necessarily abridged newspaper reports of Dr. Graham's sermons make good reading. They are in refreshing contrast to the bombast of some of the political speeches with which we are now being assailed on all sides. One of the things which especially impresses us is Billy's appeal to young people. In one of his sermons this week he said the young people who have turned to Christ are having the best time of all today's young people. 'They know where they are going.' When you think of the unhappiness and bewilderment from which so many young people are suffering, as you see it reflected in their follies and tragedies that get into the newspapers, the conclusion is inescapable that Billy Graham is right."

The *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph* on Monday, September 15, has a four-column article with a headline that says "22,000 Hear Graham Preach as Revival Outdraws Pirates." The services have been moved to Forbes Field, home baseball field of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and on Sunday afternoon, the staff writer says, 22,000 people heard Billy Graham preach, and 653 "answered Billy Graham's call for penitence."

Thank God for blessed revivals. May God raise up many more evangelists, Spirit-filled and powerful, to warn America of its sins and to call sinners to Christ.

fore the depression, we got ready to move out into the country. I was just a boy then. Some of the other boys used to tell me that people didn't sin out in the country like they did in the city. "You won't be in so much sin out there," they used to say. Now I have lived in the city. I have also lived out in the country. And I am here to tell you that the same brand of sin that is in the city, is also out

in the country. And the same brand of sin that will send you (Continued on page 5)

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# "Dear Pastor: I Am So Sorry To Tell You..."

By Evangelist Bill Rice, Associate Editor

"Dear Pastor: I am so sorry to tell you that Evangelist Kenneth Chapman has long since had his schedule filled through December 7, and cannot be with you this year..."

"Dear Pastor: Thank you so much for your kind letter and I am very sorry that I must advise you that Ray Cutchin's schedule is completely filled through December 9, and he could not arrange a campaign with you before that time..."

"Dear Pastor: I feel sure Claude McDonald would be happy to consider your kind invitation, but for the fact that his fall schedule is completely filled..."

"Dear Pastor: Ralph Dodd is already scheduled to be with the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, November 10 through 23..."

"Dear Pastor: I am sorry but... Dick Melton will be in Benton, Illinois, November 18 through 30..."

"...Joe Rice will be in Charleston, West Virginia, the date you wanted him..."

"...The schedule of Dolphus Price is completely filled through November 30..."

"...Jimmie Threlfall has no time open before December 9th..."

"...I am sorry, Eddie Wagner and Jim Stoutenborough have promised Dale F. Stewart of Springfield, Colorado, to be with the First Baptist Church there November 19 through 30..."

"...I am sorry, but Dr. Oscar Wells will be in a union revival campaign in Fruita, Colorado, Nov. 30 through December 14, and cannot be with you. This man should be twins!"

"Dear Pastor: I am sorry..."

## Too Many Invitations!

Every man on the Sword Staff of Evangelists is a man of sterling Christian character. Everyone of them is a sound preacher of the Gospel. Everyone of them is willing to work. They win souls. In their preaching they stick to the main themes. They never major on minors. They support pastors. They strengthen churches. They are willing to work hard and they are not money-minded. They really do conduct successful revival campaigns. For this reason, pastors are learning to trust them, to love them, and to invite them back to the same church again and again.

We believed this would be true from the very beginning. We have received many, many applications from evangelists to be included on our staff, but since we cannot, in the nature of the case, care for too many men on the staff and we are very particular about any man who is representing the Sword of the Lord Foundation, we have selected these men prayerfully and with great care. Some of these men, like Ralph Dowling Dodd, did not even make an application but were invited outright to join with us. We have been careful to have only such men as are clean in their lives, men who pay their bills, men of good repute, men who are sound in the faith, who are well trained and experienced. In short, men who are blessed of God in revival campaign and can prove it!

It is not surprising, then, that many pastors are beginning to realize that these are evangelists who can be trusted to do a good job in their church. These men never set a price on their services but work entirely on an expense and love-offering basis. We believe that an evangelist should be sympathetic toward the work of the pastor, and pastors have appreciated this. But this has caused us one very real difficulty—we are receiving too many invitations! Every mail brings invitations from pastors and churches for these men to come for revival campaigns, and these men have long since been filled up into December, with the exception of one evangelist who has time open from November 23 and this because of an oversight. It seems that every day I must dictate letters to pastors saying I am sorry, but the schedules of our men are already filled for September, or October, or November.

## Have You Considered a Christmas Campaign?

Pastor, have you ever considered a Christmas revival campaign? I have now been in revival work a little over ten years. For the first several years I tried again and again to have a good revival campaign at Christmas-time but without success. It seemed that Old Man Christmas was just too stiff a competitor! It seemed that the minds and hearts of people were upon the Christmas holidays, vacations, gifts, etc. Then, several years ago, while praying about this matter, I began thinking of the Christmas campaign, using the Christmas theme. I tried it. We featured Christmas music, "O Little Town Of Bethlehem," "Silent Night," "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear," etc. I preached on such subjects as, "No

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soul to Hell from following the Devil in the city will send your soul to Hell out in the country. The only difference is there are fields between it; it is spread out and sin is a little bit farther apart out in the country. And the atmosphere might be a little bit cleaner.

Somebody said, "Well, I will tell you, those old people never thought about doing some of the things they are doing now." That is why they didn't do it—they didn't think of it. If they had thought of it, they had the evil heart, and they would have followed right in. I believe that beyond any question.

Now, the fellow who had this farm may have lived in the Jordan valley. I know this is a parable, but the Lord told the parable because there were people around there whom it would certainly apply to. I believe farmers liked this man in the parable. He lived

Room In the Inn," "What the Angels Sang," "The Gifts of the Wise Men," etc. We pointed out that Jesus Christ is the real center of Christmas, He is the greatest gift anyone can receive, etc. We had a wonderful revival! And I have conducted other Christmas campaigns the same way with the blessing of God.

How would this work in your church? It seems to me that December 14 through 21 would be a wonderful time for an eight-day revival campaign. And I believe we could easily arrange for a good evangelist to be with you at that time.

## Think Now of Next Spring

And, dear pastor, may I humbly suggest that right now is the time to consider an evangelist for your spring revival. I sincerely hope you will not wait until the last minute as so many have done about the fall revival campaigns. I hope I will never have to write you and say, "I am sorry, but you have waited so late that none of our men has any time left." Already we are receiving letters from pastors asking to be included in our spring schedules. Can we help you? If you, like so many, many pastors, believe you ought to start the new year with a revival campaign, won't you please write to me today? Perhaps you should plan now for a revival campaign to begin January 4 that would prepare your church for unusual service in 1953. Right now is the time to make definite plans while you can secure the services of a good evangelist.

Please write to me, Evangelist Bill Rice, Director, Sword Staff of Evangelists, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.

I will answer your letter promptly and help you anyway I can to secure the services of one of these God-blessed evangelists for your church.

# "Thou Fool"

right down in the Jordan valley. No doubt this man the Lord referred to had a great big farm. Perhaps, John the Baptist preached within sight of that fellow's house. Maybe the Lord preached only a quarter of a mile down the road. That time the Lord called the seventy together and sent them out to preach the gospel, they may have come right down this fellow's lane; they may have knocked on his door. They may have gone out to the barn where he was at work and said, "We want you to take Jesus Christ as your Saviour." I think I know what he said. Just what people say everywhere you go today when you present the Lord. "Oh, I am so busy. Now you look at my farm. I've got that field over there. That corn will all have to be cut after awhile. And all this over here will have to be gathered in. There is a shortage of hands now, and I am travelling every day trying to get more men. And I know that these barns I have will never hold all the grain and everything. So I have been calling on a contractor. I have had the architect in. We are going to try to pour the foundation. I want to get the floor laid and see if I can't get the carpenters in and push this thing. With all this grain and the harvest coming on, we are way behind. I don't have any time to come to the Lord, or come to church, or listen."

That is what you hear. Some people invite me to a revival and I say, "I can come the last two weeks of November."

They say, "Oh, you can't come then."

"Why not?"

"That's Thanksgiving."

"Well, what if it is? The Lord saves people then."

"But we are so busy then."

That is the trouble. What is Thanksgiving? It is supposed to be the time when you thank the Lord for His goodness. Now we are to do it all the year 'round, but that is a special day. I will tell you how you can thank God. Get a great big revival going, with better than one-hundred conversions; then do a lot of soul winning on Thanksgiving night. I think the Lord will feel better over that than if you stuff yourself with turkey and have indigestion on Thanksgiving.

Then when Christmas comes around, I say, I will come that time, if you want me. That is the only time I have open."

They say, "No, you can't come then."

"Why not?"

"Too busy. I have all my Christmas shopping to do. I have this to get for Aunt Sue, Aunt Sadie, Uncle this and Uncle that; the tree to trim and all that work. We can't have it that week."

That is supposed to be the week when Jesus was born, when God gave His gift. Do you want to give something to God? Get a big re-

vival going Christmas week. Get about a hundred conversions Christmas night, and I think God will know that you appreciate that He sent His dear Son into the world. That is why people are not serving the Lord. They are too busy. And God says to the unsaved, "Thou fool." He had a good location.

## The Rich Man Had a Good Vocation

He had a good vocation. I think farming is a good vocation. It is an honest vocation. You put your sweat on the ground, then you get your gold and your silver out of your work. Now I didn't say that every farmer is honest. We have a market house close to where I live. I get those boxes of strawberries with great big ones on the top and those little peewees underneath. I don't say all farmers are honest. I have gone over there and bought oranges. Underneath there was crepe paper or something to fill up the box. A fellow ran a big farm down below where we lived and I used to go there to buy milk. He poured the milk out into a jar, then he washed the crock out with some water. Now there is nothing wrong with that. But he washed a quart crock out with about two or three gallons of water and poured it in amongst my milk. I don't see anything right about that. I don't say all farmers are honest, but I say it is an honest vocation that this fellow was in.

He didn't rent his farm out to a beer joint. He didn't gamble over on Wall Street. He was making an honest living by honest toil out in the fields and bringing in the grain. I think he had good cattle. He might have bought them in Syria, or brought them from Egypt. Then he had nice horses. I believe he was the kind of a farmer who kept the lawn mowed. I think his buildings were all painted, beautiful to look upon. If you had lived next door to that fellow you would have said that he was about the best neighbor that you knew throughout the community. He might have gone to the house of God. He was an orthodox Jew. I think that he paid his tithe. I believe that he tried to observe the law the very best that he could. He may have been out a few times to prayer meeting; and maybe out on Easter morning. But God said to him, "Thou fool."

## But He Was a Fool

Some people would say, "That fellow with that big farm—nobody could put a finger on his character. Why don't you let him alone?" But Jesus said, "Thou fool," when he looked at that man.

There is a passage in Luke 16: 15 which you won't forget when I read it to you: "For that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

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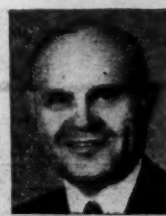
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## "Thou Fool"

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You just tell me what men highly esteem, then I will tell you what is the curse in the sight of God. What do you highly esteem?

I don't want to take all evening preaching. I am against the movies, and all of you know it. You hear about the movies everywhere you go. They are "highly esteemed" among men. They have even David and Bath-sheba in the movies. They have Samson and Delilah. What could be wrong with that? That is like putting sugar on Paris green. It is poison. They are just giving it to you in religious form.

I remember when I was pastor, the first charge I was ever on, one of the members came to visit me. The parsonage was about to fall to pieces. Everytime the wind blew, the roof went up and down and waved good-by. We had to prop bricks up against the parsonage in order to hold it together. I told the deacon one time, "I couldn't buy oats to feed a night-mare with what you fellows give me for a salary." This member came to me and he said, "Joe, I want to invite you to a good show over in the next town."

I said, "What is the name of it?"

He said, "One Foot in Heaven."

I said, "What's that like?"

He said, "It is about a preacher in an old broken-down parsonage, and he didn't get any salary, and he had a pretty tough time."

I said, "Why in the world do you think I ought to see a thing like that?" I said, "Do you know what I feel like telling you? I feel like telling you what Peter said to the Lord, 'Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.' I want to go whole body into Heaven, not just one foot when I go."

I am against the movies. Even if everybody thinks they are all right, the Lord says they are a curse to me. Everybody in the community thinks it is all right. Here is a good business man. You have never trusted the Lord Jesus. You don't know Him as your Saviour. The Bible says that anything that men highly esteem is a curse. And friend, God says, "You fool."

### The Fool's Talk

I would like to tell you some things about a fool. Back in Psalm 14:1 is the fool's talk. It says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Now it doesn't say that a fool stands down on the street corner and yells with all his might, "There is no God." The fool says down in his heart, "There is no God." You see, he

has a good business; he has a nice farm, and he just lives like there isn't any God. The Bible says, "Prepare to meet thy God." Friend, no matter who you are, you are going to face God some time. You might forget the dentist's appointment, you might forget the doctor's appointment, but you won't forget God's appointment. You will have to stand before God, and He says, "Prepare." The fool says it in his heart, he doesn't say it in his head. His head wouldn't know how to come to that dumb conclusion. Down in his heart he knows there is a God, but he denies it by the way that he lives and the way he turns God aside. Now that is the fool's talk.

### The Fool's Walk

In Ecclesiastes 2:14 is the fool's walk. The Bible says that "the fool walketh in darkness." Anybody who is unsaved is walking in darkness. You might have on a nice suit, you might have a thousand dollars in your hip pocket in your wallet; you might have every lodge badge in your coat, you might have all things this world can provide; you may have one title deed to this and to that; but you are walking around in the dark. You don't know where you are going. Your appointment is in darkness. Do you know what Paul said? He said that when you are saved, you are not children of darkness, you are children of light. He said that that day won't overtake you if you are not children of darkness, when you are born again. People who are unsaved are lost, wandering around. They may have a lot of education, but they do not know the Lord Jesus.

### The Fool's Pleasure

And now another thing: the fool's pleasure. It tells us in Ecclesiastes 7:6, "For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool." That is what the pleasure of this world is. The world today wants its pleasure. It likes to hear the music as it comes from a dance floor. They call it the sweetest music this side of Heaven. I am glad they say "this side"; it doesn't compare with the music on the other side. It may sound all right to you, friend; the things of the world may sound good, but God says it is just like fire underneath water when it is boiling, burning up. Some time the fire must come, some time the judgment of God will come, and you will curse the day that you put your foot on the Devil's ground, the hour that you thought more of business, the hour that you turned to everything but

Jesus, and God wrote you down as a fool.

### The Fool's House

And now another thing: the fool's house. In Matthew, chapter 7, the Lord Jesus told about two men. He said:

"Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

Then He said:

"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

Now the Lord did not say that this man didn't have a nice house built on the sand. I think everybody in the community thought his house looked as nice as the fellow's on the rock. But the Lord said that he built it on sand. And when the wind came, and the floods struck, then the house dropped, and the Lord said, "Great was the fall of it." People stood around after that with their eyes open, stood in great amazement as the Lord spoke as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

### The Fool's End

Now the final thing is the fool's end. That is the verse I am preaching on tonight. "Thou fool, this night..."

I remember one night I went back to a meeting like this. A man was standing there whom I tried to win to the Lord. He never would come. I stood by his side and I urged him to come to Jesus. Everybody called him Pat. I said, "Pat, don't you think you had better come to Jesus?"

He said, "No."

I said, "Pat, I want to ask you a few things I have never asked you before." I said, "Winter is coming on. I suppose you have your stove already set up for the winter. Do you have any wood cut?"

"Yes, Joe. If it gets cold, I have the wood all cut; I've got the stove in."

"I want to ask you something else. I noticed your garden and the fine things that you had planted this summer. Did your wife can any of them? Do you have any of them down in the cellar in case you get a big snow and can't get out?"

"Joe, we have the shelves in the cellar just loaded. They are all full. If nobody else can get any food, I will have plenty of it here."

I said, "I want to ask you something else. Did you ever think lightning might strike your house? Do you have it insured?"

"Joe, I have everything insured. The house is insured. My wife is insured, I have insurance. We have insurance. We have lots of potatoes. We have lots of food down in the cellar. We are all ready."

I said, "Are you ready if you die tonight? Suppose God would call you out of this world. Are you ready for that?"

He bowed his head.

Friend, are you ready for that? You might be ready for everything else, but are you ready if God should call you tonight? And He may do it.

I read of a mother one time who carried a little baby to see the doctor. The preacher went along. She said, "Doctor, my baby has not opened his eyes in the last couple of days, and I am worried."

The doctor took some salve, rubbed it on the baby's eyelids, then he said, "Lady, your baby hasn't seen anything for three days. Your baby has gone blind. Your baby will never see anything."

When that struck into her heart, she let out a wail that filled the office. The doctor and the preacher bowed their heads and both began to cry. After awhile the mother got up and walked out carrying the baby in her arms. The doctor then looked at the preacher and said, "I could have saved that baby's sight if only she

had brought the baby in just a day ahead of time." She neglected her baby, and the baby lost his sight.

You say, "Oh, how I pity her!" But friend, you had ten thousand times rather go blind in the eyes than blind in soul. Some of you people tonight are neglecting. You know what you ought to do. You know you have your business; you are hanging on to this, and you are hanging on to that, when you know that you ought to come. You go to bed at night thinking about a new barn. You ought to think about the new birth. And God says to you, "Thou fool."

I often picture in my mind this man on this terrible night. I believe the architect came over and knocked on the door. He said, "Now I have the plans all ready. Do you have some time?" The rich man says, "Yes, come on into the drawing room." I think when they entered there, the architect unfolded the plans and said, "Now I know that you will need a lot of room, and so we have planned for that. This is the picture of the way the barn is going to be."

I believe that while they were talking the man's wife came in. She said, "I have put the children to bed, and I am going to bed, too, if you don't mind." The husband said, "All right." She went on to bed. They sat there. He couldn't talk about baseball or politics, or Korea, or anything like that. But when they talked about that new barn, when they talked about that farm, the rich man just seemed to light up! So that is what they talked about.

Along about midnight the architect said, "Well, now I have got to go home. I know my wife has been waiting. She has something for me to eat before we go to bed." So he got up and said goodnight, and went outside the door. I think the rich man turned the key in the lock, then went around and pulled down all the blinds. Then I believe he was going to bed, but he couldn't go to bed. Do you know why? Oh, that new barn! He is planning for years ahead. "Now my crops are all right. If I can just get this new barn up, I will fill it this year. Then next year, maybe we can plan on another barn. And then maybe in a few more years I will be bringing in more money and can plan on another barn. My business is going to expand, and I will be really sitting in ease. Soul, you don't have anything to worry about."

There he sat, in the quietness of his home. You couldn't hear a sound. He raised his eyes, and there was a stranger, all dressed in black. He said, "DEATH, you haven't come for me!"

And Death said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

He said, "I am not ready to go. Why, I never went to church; I never prepared to meet God, and I have a lot of other things planned."

Death said, "I have come, and you have got to go."

But he said, "I am not ready."

But Death just reached out and touched him on the forehead and his heart stopped beating. In a little while his brow became cold. There he sat all alone, in the darkness of that black night, and with everything still.

Early in the morning the servants got up to work out at the old barn. They passed him sitting there, but they thought he had just fallen asleep. They knew he was up late. I imagine when the women came down to work in the kitchen, they saw him sitting there, but as they passed by, they thought he had just fallen asleep. I believe when the wife awoke she was alarmed for no one was there beside her. I believe she jumped from the bed and called one of the hired women and said, "Have you seen my husband? Where is he?" And she said, "Oh, now, don't worry! He went to sleep down there in the drawing room." I believe she ran. I believe she was afraid he might have had a heart attack the way he had been working. She ran into the drawing room, went over and put her hand on his forehead that was just as cold as marble. She called down the children; called in the neighbors. How they cried!

Then that day they had to have the funeral, as the Jews did. I

think a man from the synagogue stood up and gave a great oration. I believe he pointed to this man as the beacon light of the community. All young men should follow after him. Then they lowered his body down into the tomb. When the mourners had gone, when the family was back home on the farm, in the darkness of that black night an angel came from Heaven, slipped among the tombstones and in letters of fire wrote on that stone, "Thou fool."

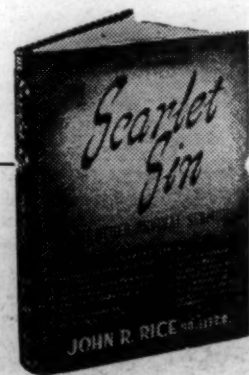
I wonder, friend, if God could write that of your life tonight. Won't you take a lesson from this man? Won't you come and lay down that life and say, "Jesus, you can have me. Tonight you can have me. I won't live for the foolish things of the world; I will build on the blood."

I wonder how many listening to me tonight are unsaved? How many of you who have walked in here don't know Jesus Christ as your Saviour? You are living for the mad rush of this world. Now it might not be a big farm. It might be an automobile. It might be a lot of money. It may be something else that has taken your eyes away from Jesus. Whatever it is, will you come tonight?

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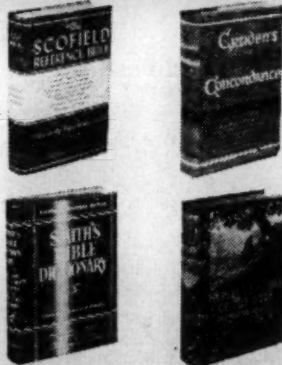
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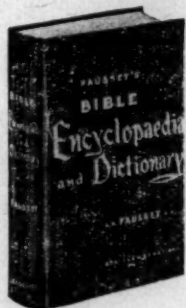
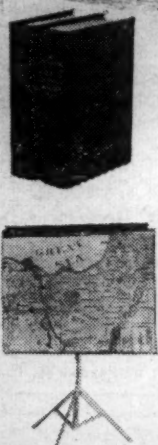
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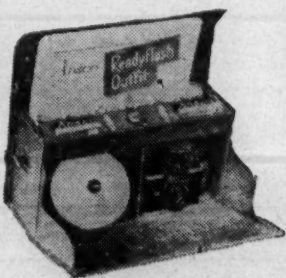
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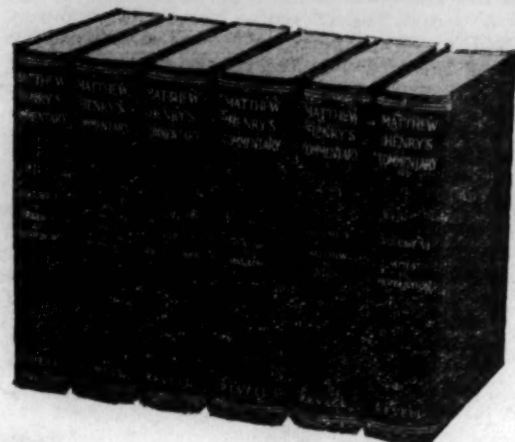
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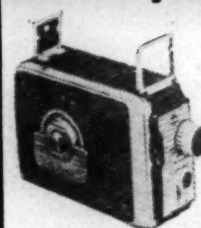


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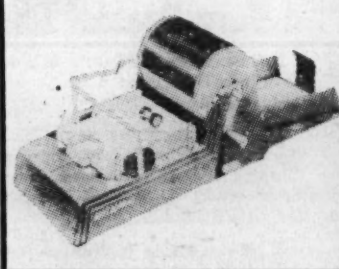
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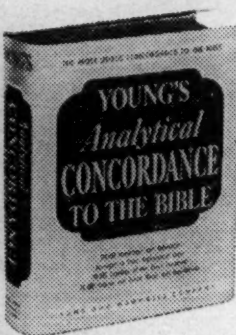
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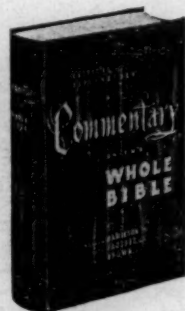
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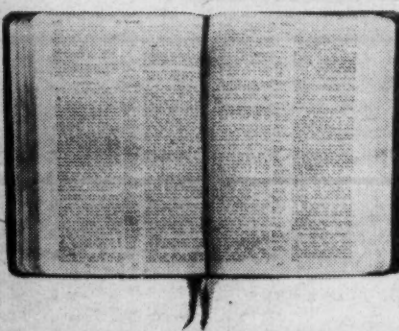
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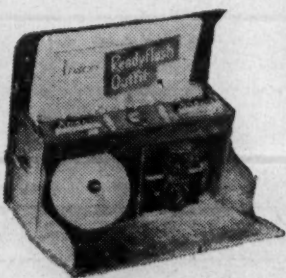
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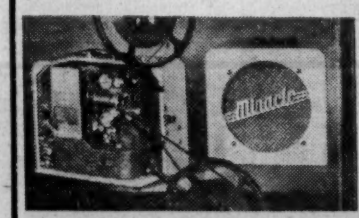
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more Christian books will roll from the presses. Evangelists will be increased. More lost souls will be won to Christ. The Bible as the very Word of God will be believed by added multitudes.

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### Jesus On Sin

Jesus left no doubt about what He thought about sin as He says:

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave

there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."—Matt. 5:21-24.

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."—Matt. 6:14, 15.

Jesus spoke emphatically against the sin of censorious criticism in these words:

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."—Matt. 7:1-5.

Jesus set the preacher matchless example in listing sins categorically as He preached:

"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."—Matt. 15:19.

Jesus delivered Himself against murder and lying, i.e.:

"Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not"—John 8:43-45.

### In Mississippi

We had a nice swing into Mississippi for two meetings. The first was a group meeting held for the fifth year at Jackson. The Edmonsons, Catrons, Ichters, Faissts, McCalls, Carpenters, Wilkinsons, Bensons, Middletons, Watts, Seals, Mikells, Brinsons, and Halbrooks came from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Illinois. Some we knew. Some we did not know. It was our first

## Editor's Vacation

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Monday morning they went by jeep and horseback into the Shoshone District (between Cody and Yellowstone Park) where they will look for deer, bear and elk, with perhaps some fishing and game-bird shooting on the side.

This is the first such trip for all four men and should provide a much-needed time of relaxation for each. It is an unusual opportunity, made possible only by the generosity and hospitality of the good men who are hosts. We are grateful for the editor and his helpers to have such a vacation, and felt readers would enjoy knowing about it.

attendance upon the meeting. It was a great meeting of fellowship and spiritual devotion. We were asked to bring the message.

From there we went to the Grenada Baptist Association where we found some warm-hearted pastors and laymen. It was good to be there. We extended greetings, passed out Swords, and renewed fellowship with friends.

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**From Michigan:** "Dear Brother Rice—After living... (nearly 50 years)... without knowing my Maker, I finally woke up to the fact that life means nothing without Him. ... (several) children were reared in a godless family. ... I am trying to help my family to be saved. One rugged drunkard has come through but still needs help—\$1 on your 'Dollar Month.'"

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### He Remembers You

Many people wish they could preach and turn others in great numbers to Christ. Well, Jesus has a wonderful way of "evening up" things. He is fair in His methods.

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"He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."—Matt. 10:40-42.

You pray for the preacher and you share in his reward. You "hold up the hands" of the evangelist and you will not be without reward. You give the Lord's money He places in your hands and you will share in the reward for all the fruitage accruing from that gift. If it helps an evangelist preach the Gospel and win souls—you have preached the Gospel and won souls. You have that reward. If your Lord's money goes to erecting a building where and from which the work of the Lord Jesus is done and souls are won—on the word of Jesus you have your

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the church forever. What is the purpose of this abiding Spirit on the earth? What is the purpose of this Third Person of the Godhead; and how may we know to distinguish His work from the work of the Evil One?

(1) The first thing I suggest—and that it is commonplace, I am well aware—is that the Holy Spirit is on the earth in order to convict sinners of their sin. "And when he is come, he will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." What is the force of the word *convict*? It is one of the strongest words in the English language. *Convict* is a different word from *convince*. Convincing men of sin is the human way; *convince* is a human word. I think I may take any man and convince him that this or that course of sin is hurtful.

But the Holy Spirit is not here to convince, or to carry on an argument with respect to sin. He is here to do the work man cannot do—to convict, to lock one

up, as it were, with his sin, so that he cannot escape. This is the distinctive work of the Holy Ghost. It is a work that neither man nor church can do. All the influence that man may possess can never do a work distinctively, given over to the Holy Ghost.

We talk about the coming revival. What we want to do is to fall in line with the great movement of God in all the ages, and the revival is here. The revival will be along the line of the old-time doctrine of conviction of sin. One reason why there are not more conversions is because the work does not start with the Holy Ghost in the heart of the sinner, convicting him of his sin. When you have the Holy Spirit settling down upon the hearts of sinners and locking them up as it were, in their sin, until they cry: "Open the door, and let me escape from the body of this death!"—then you will have a revival.

(2) The next work of the Holy Ghost is to take these convicted sinners and regenerate them. "Ye must be born again," said Jesus. This "born again" expression is a very significant one. It means a great deal more than conversion. We speak of this and that man as having been converted. Conversion means a turning from. I am following a certain course; I stop in my progress, realizing that that course is wrong, and turn from it. That may be purely a human work; the Holy Spirit may have nothing to do with it. A reformation, of course, is a very desirable thing, provided the first work and the second work of the Holy Spirit have been done. But if the Holy Spirit has not put in the heart the desire for the change, then that reformation will only last for a time.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to do the convicting of the sinner and to give him a new heart.

True revival will not be worked up by machinery, but simply by God's people waiting as the disciples waited in the upper room, until He comes and works His purpose in their hearts, so that men will confess Christ because they cannot help it—because of the inworking power that they cannot control.

(3) Then the Holy Spirit seals the regenerate heart. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed," said the apostle. When we ship freight by carloads

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reward. The One whose eye is on the sparrow will not overlook you, your service, nor your reward. The One who never forgets will not forget you, your work, nor your reward.

Jesus remembers, He remembers you,

Other friends may fail you, He is always true.

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### Preaching is Primary

Preaching is a primary and indispensable spiritual exercise, a God-ordained Gospel procedure! Paraphrasing: 'By your preaching are you known.'

A worldly, rebellious, sinful church member will want cold, compromising, formal preaching. They want no preaching against sin and worldliness. They want no preaching on Hell and total depravity. They prefer the song service. They make all the socials but no prayer meetings, no revivals, no visitation programs. They substitute radio, TV, baseball, the beaches, auto-riding, secular reading, sleeping, and such like for the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

No known thing can substitute for the preaching service. It is indeed a worship service. It is where inspiration is bred for doing big deeds for Him! It is second only to the prayer practice in kindling spiritual fires. It is the place and time for the largest number of public professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the service that welds together the church in real Christian fellowship.

God in His Word says sweet and strong things about preaching not spoken of other Christian functions. Here is one such compliment and testimony to the place and power of preaching:

"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."—I Cor. 1:17-25.

Another is:

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they

call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—Rom. 10:13-17.

John the Baptist preached (Matt. 3:1).

Jesus preached (Matt. 4:17, 23; 11:5; 12:41; Mark 2:2; Luke 4:18, 19, 43, 44).

Jesus commands others to preach (Matt. 10:7, 27; Mark 16:15, 20).

Simon Peter preached (Acts 2:14-41; 4:4-12).

Philip preached the Word (Acts 8:4, 5, 12, 25, 35, 40).

Paul preached (Acts 9:20, 27; 13:14-43; 28:31).

Barnabas preached (Acts 15:35, 36).

God is going to send an angel to preach (Rev. 14:6).

Yes, by your preaching you are known. Saints of God love the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They hasten to hear the preaching of His Gospel. They linger in the atmosphere of the preaching of His Word.

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there is put on each car a seal, and on that seal the stamp of the railroad company. No man dare touch that seal until the freight reaches its destination.

We are "sealed unto the day of redemption." I thank God that the power that is within us is greater than the power that is without. Oh, trembling soul, are you afraid that the Devil will get the victory over God? You may have your property taken from you, and the friends you love may go; but do you know that nothing can happen to you without the permission of God? If we are God's children, the power that dwells within us is greater than the powers that are without us.

Mr. Moody used to say that he never knew a Christian worker whose name was worth being on the roll who was in doubt about his personal salvation. The Holy Spirit, in giving us the assurance of salvation, settles for us the greatest question that ever throbbed in any human breast.

(4) It is also the purpose of the Holy Spirit to give us *growth in grace*. The fruit of the Spirit—not fruits, but one great luscious fruit with many component parts—is joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance, faith.

The matter of growth in grace is one that is widely talked about among Christians. It is a popular subject in our young people's meetings, and yet it is the one subject, perhaps, about which we know experimentally the least of all. Have you grown in grace since you were saved? Are you any bigger? Is it not a fact that some of us are more joyless, more greedy, more impatient, than we were? Do we bear the fruit of the Spirit—the fruit of joy, for instance? Have we grown in peace, or are we as harassed as ever? Have we grown to be more long-

suffering, gentle, good, meek, temperate? God's method of growth in grace is by the Holy Spirit. We are to hand over to Him the chart of our life, and let the Holy Spirit work in us.

(5) The Holy Spirit is also here to enable us to *interpret the Word of God*. We must have teaching from above.

Some years ago I was in a town in one of the Southern States upon a preaching appointment. The town, which is only a small one, is famed for one of the most magnificent caves to be found in the world. It has beautiful stalagmite and stalactite deposits, and is a wonder even in the Southern States, where there are several similar caves, although none so grand as this. My preaching appointment was in the evening; and in the afternoon a friend suggested a visit to the famous cavern.

Arriving at the cave, our guide presented us each with a little candle, and then we descended something like twenty, thirty, or forty feet. We came into a chamber containing some magnificent formations. But looking at them by the light of my candle I did not see anything very glorious, and I told the guide so.

"You are the first man that ever came into these caves and criticized them," he said.

We went a little further, and I repeated that I did not see anything very striking.

"Well, you are a hard man to please," rejoined the guide.

We went further, and entered what was known as the Audience Chamber. By this time my candle began to flicker, and nearly went out; and, not seeing anything striking, I wished to return. But the guide unwound a long spool of ribbon and touched the end of it with the light of my candle. Instantly there flashed along the cave a light, the brilliancy of

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which I cannot describe. It was the highest form of magnesium ribbon. One needed the candle no longer—and oh, those stalagmites and stalactites, how gorgeous, how grand! When the ribbon went out, we lit another and another. We needed a poet to describe the wonders and the glories of that cavern as it flashed with light. The lady who was with me took up a piece of iron and played on the hanging stalactites the notes of "Home, Sweet Home." The sound made thus simply seemed as though it were produced by a great pipe organ.

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## World Evangelism

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"How?"...so must I! Before their amazed eyes He miraculously multiplied the loaves and fishes to the feeding of the hungry multitudes. IMPOSSIBLE...they had opined. The demand outweighed the supply! Five thousand hungry men (besides women and children) on the one hand...on the other, five biscuits and two (small) fishes. "What are these among so many?" they asked. The odds were against such, they rationalized. Could these fainting multitudes be fed? Must they not rather be sent away hungry to forage for themselves? Yet how soon were they to learn that "little is much when God is in it." Their ALL placed unreservedly in HIS hands spelled the difference. The people did "all eat and were filled." The desert blossomed as a rose!

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But that was nineteen hundred years and five thousand men ago...today the problem is different, we say. Impossible, insuperable conditions prevent the fulfilling of His command, "Give ye them to eat." The thousands have become millions...behind impenetrable, impenetrable curtains...iron, bamboo, purple...presenting geographical, political, ideological and religious barriers of the first magnitude. Impossible? Barring the supernatural, yes! Without God, granted! Illuminating the miraculous, admitted! Yet dare we deny that we have failed utterly in entrusting our "bread and fish" resources into HIS hands for the miracle multiplication?

### Can We Not Do What Jesus Plainly Said Do?

Two facts loom large on the horizon of the alert Christian...this world is a hungry world and Jesus Christ is the living Bread...but they are hemispheres apart. How can the supply ever meet the demand? Will the hungry world be fed? Between the masses and the Miracle-Christ stand the intermediaries...His disciples. From Christ, to the disciples, to the multitudes, is the sequence of the service of supply. The answer, then, lies in simple obedience to His commands, "Give Ye...Go Ye...Pray Ye." Six monosyllables. Think one moment of each. "Give ye"...there is enough money in the hands of church members to sow every acre of the earth with the seed of truth. "Go ye"...there is enough personnel, if on the march, to see Jericho's walls fall flat at the shout of obedient and expectant faith. "Pray ye"...there is enough grace and salvation awaiting to be released in response to important prayer to bathe the world in blessing. When, oh when will the church of Christ become militantly alive and take her marching orders seriously?

World evangelization can be accomplished, the hungry can be fed! It can be done or Jesus Christ issued orders impossible of fulfillment. This He could not do! The communists are doing it...preaching their gospel in all the world. Why cannot we, with Omnipotence on our side? But then, the Reds do it with abandon. So? Then why cannot we? Must we stand idly by and continue to make our daisy chains while humanity, at the rate of a hundred million a year, is being derailed into the abyssal orbit of godless, atheistic communism? Are we asleep at the switch? Think of it, Mr. and Mrs. Christian America, ponder it and shudder...six hundred million in a half dozen years. It is staggering to contemplate what the communists did for their cause in China in nineteen months, what the Christian church did not achieve for Christ in as many centuries.

Shame, thrice shame that the tidings of God's love, His gift to the world in the person of His only begotten Son, the news of His sin-atonement death and the message of eternal life by grace, through faith in Him is still withheld from the vast majority of men. Men who have a right to hear! Men who have a right to share the living bread. While vast continents still lie shrouded in midnight darkness, and hundreds of millions still suffer the horrors of heathenism and the threat of communism, the burden of the proof rests upon you, upon me, to show that we are not morally obligated to pass the Bread along, out and back, BACK, BACK to the very last man, the last woman and the last child in the last row. Till every outstretched hand in the great world of hungry-hearted humans has clutched at least a crust of soul food.

I say, the crumbs that fall from the spiritual tables in America would satisfy the hunger of millions of famishing souls who plead for bread. Our neglect is criminal, our position untenable! There is no excuse for such apathy, inertia, selfishness, disobedience. It is unjustifiable, indefensible! God help us!

Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, was once asked how much time would be required to dispatch a

message throughout the world through her army and navy. "Thirty days," was her confident reply. And that, in a Victorian age with all its limitations! Ours is a new day of communication, transportation and facility. That which is done in a corner today is known around the world tomorrow. What is local one moment can be universal the next. One can scarcely think out loud without being heard in the antipodes. The Reader's Digest report of the Atlantic sinking of the Flying Enterprise furnishes food for thought. News agencies, radio and television services spent over one million dollars and hazarded many lives to keep the world abreast with hour-by-hour reports of that saga of the sea. Within ten minutes of the fatal plunge, Britain and America knew, and within twenty minutes, from Karachi to Bagdad, from Capetown to Brisbane, the news compassed land and sea. That's today! Yet today, in our generation, there are more hungry-hearted, uninformed, untold and unfed than in any hour of history.

Simeon Calhoun affirmed in his by-gone day, "It is my deep conviction, and I say it again, if the Church of Christ were where she ought to be, twenty years would not pass away until the story of the Cross would be uttered in the ear of every living man." The church of every generation is commissioned by Christ to evangelize the world in its generation and so present Him as the only Saviour and divine Lord that every human being will have a fair opportunity to intelligently accept or reject Him. The early Christians did just that. "They that were scattered abroad WENT EVERYWHERE preaching the Word," so much so that it was reported of them, "these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 8:4, Acts 17:6). Can you, can I, honestly affirm that in apostolic fashion and like David of old, we too are "serving our generation by the will of God"?

Now what is the matter? Putting aside fancy talk, we must get out of our rut and take the Gospel to those who have it not...every creature...all the world...all nations (even those behind curtains). This must be the purpose, passion and scope of modern missions.

Jesus said, "My Gospel shall be preached in all the world." I take this as a command and a prediction. If a command, it MUST be done! If a prediction, it WILL be done! All because it *should* be done and *can* be done! But not with the present snail's pace! There must be a recklessness, an abandon, a giving all...and then will come the divine implementation without which it *would* be an impossibility. Away then with pessimism, be gone apathy...come abandon, daring that will equal that of a twentieth century communist.

I say, the hour for defeatism is over! All the talk about "closed doors" and "closing doors" with "one year left to evangelize this foreign country and eighteen months in that!" Who said so? One would think the Cause is lost, that God is dead! The tomb of Lazarus presented a "closed door" too! Jericho's gates were "straightly shut up" too, but not by God! Well might be pondered the rejoinder of Jesus when the weeping sisters of deceased Lazarus cautioned Him against any rash move. Hear His rebuke, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?" Here too, was one of those 'impossible' situations. Things had gone too far, too long; "he hath been dead four days..." by this time he stinketh." But when, at His command, life-giving blood started coursing through those shrunken arteries of their beloved, their thoughts of discretion, their doubts and fears were cast to the winds. They were standing in the presence of the Resurrection and the Life, all unaware.

Motivated by a fear hysteria based on a philosophy purely outward, not upward, present-day Christians are singing funereal-like, "When the lights GO OUT, all over the world," unmindful that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Said He, "Ye are the light of the world...let your light

so shine among men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." God's word declares, "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world..." this is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith." But what kind of faith is manifest by us if we concede we are fighting a losing battle, that the light is going out not to be rekindled in our generation, perhaps never? Away with such wicked philosophy, such negativism! How can God honor it? It is analogous to that of the woman who prayed the "prayer of faith" for the "mountain to be removed" from her property and when nothing happened betrayed her unbelief all the while with, "I knew it wouldn't happen." How could it happen?

### Defeatism Is A Sin!

We must get our eyes off the waves or we'll go down too, just like Peter. We must stop counting devils—that makes them multiply! Let's discourage discouragement! Quell it, stanch it, rebuke it! God never uses a discouraged man even though he be an Elijah! Like David of old, let's "encourage ourselves in the Lord our God." Let's affirm IT CAN BE DONE and do it! Let's revamp our thinking, discard our outworn cliches. Instead of saying alarmingly, "It's now or never" let's simply say, "IT'S NOW." Stop moaning, "If God doesn't help us...so and so will happen." God WILL help us and that right early. Put an end to plans for foreign evacuation...retrenchment! Is not Christ's campaign calculated for conquest? Formulated for success, not defeat? Get out of our minds that God is through with this world, or huge segments of it. This is Satan's strategy, pure and simple, and he is a "liar and the father of it."

"There is no substitute for victory," were the destined-to-be-immortal words of General Douglas MacArthur in his report to the nation concerning the shamefully attenuated, half-prosecuted, stalemate-of-a-war in Korea. So, in the Lord's rank and file, half measures will not do. It is impossible for us to merely hold our own. We must advance. We must stop beating retreats. One lesson modern warfare has taught is the discovery that defensive action can never bring any sort of final victory. "The best form of defense is attack," says the military. So, for the Christian the only adequate defense is a dynamic, Christ-led offense. Just "living in a house by the side of the road" will not do. Passive goodness will not do. We must strike while the iron is hot. If it is not hot, then make it hot by striking, and strike so hard for God that it will react simultaneously throughout the earth... "BOTH in Jerusalem [the home base]...and to the uttermost part of the earth." Last minute feints against the enemies' flanks, all the while planning for eventual defeat when ever the enemy arbitrarily decides to steam-roller us—what kind of warfare is that? Hurried, little feverish efforts to get the Gospels printed and distributed in foreign lands, to send forth the missionaries, to train the natives "before we are forced to run from before the communists" is simply catering into the Devil's hands. This has got to stop! If all the Eliabs, the Abinidabs, the Shammahs must quail before Goliath, may some, may one stripling of a David have the audacity to come against him for the honor of God's Cause and the glory of His name.

In the battle against "principalities, powers, etc. etc." are we not to be given power to "stand, and having done all to stand [remain victor on the field]?" Is not ours a victorious warfare? Then there is no substitute for victory! What Constantine saw in a apparition in the sky is ours to envision as the hosts of light, "By This Sign Conquer"...WITH THE CROSS OF JESUS, GOING ON BEFORE!

When, (not IF) God rolls back the iron curtain, pushes back the bamboo curtain and rips asunder the purple curtain, let's be ready to march! Our forces all martialled, our staves in our hands. The God who rolled back one Red sea long ago, can roll back the "red" tidal wave which threatens

to inundate earth's millions who exist in ignorance, superstition and want. Yet, what in Heaven's name would we do with the opportunity if God should open China, Russia, Poland, etc., to the Gospel tomorrow? Could we get the Bread to them before they perished in the way? Yet, that could conceivably happen. What are man-made curtains compared to Him "that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown; yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them all away as stubble. TO WHOM THEN WILL YE LIKEN ME, OR SHALL I BE EQUAL? SAITH THE HOLY ONE. Lift up your eyes on high..." Isa. 40:21-26.

The same God who dethroned the reason of mighty Nebuchadnezzar and drove him out into the field to eat grass like an ox; who put His hook in the nose of King Sennacherib, can certainly handle Stalin and his ilk. "He removeth kings and setteth up kings" (Dan. 2:21). But who believes it and prays for it? Crepe-hanging critics, there are many; but few today with the faith of the men of olden times.

"The time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms... And these all having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us...Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin [of unbelief] which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, LOOKING UNTO JESUS..." Heb. 11, 12.

Timidly, Christians make but token efforts to seize the offensive. The months back in the United States from the ends of the earth have helped crystallize in my mind an opinion as to what constitutes chiefly the plight of the world. Three factors contribute decisively and the last one I shall name is worse, more disastrous, than the first two put together.

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## World Evangelism

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They are, first, heathenism; second, communism; third, Christian defeatism. From my point of view pagan darkness is bad, atheistic communism is worse, but Christian defeatism is worst of all. I repeat what I have already stated, we must get out of the rut of world-damning defeatism. At the risk of the ludicrous, this little story will illustrate.

A frog one spring day found himself in a deep rut on a country road. His efforts to jump out were unavailing. He couldn't get out! His friends came to his rescue, but their united efforts were without success. He couldn't get out! But the next day one of his frog friends saw him hopping about the country-side chipper as ever, no longer in the rut. He asked, "How come? Yesterday you were in the rut; I thought you couldn't get out." "I couldn't," replied frog number one, "but a big truck came down the road and I had to."

That truck coming down the road is communism and a host of other "isms," "osophies" and "ologies" stalking the world. If for no other reason, the desire to live in a free world, the law of self-preservation should dictate a course of superhuman action to clear ourselves of the rut of apathy, defeatism, I-can't-ism, we-can't-ism. But even this is too selfish and negative a motive. Back and behind all this should be the stimulating desire to see men saved not from heathenism and its horrors, not from communism and its tyranny, but from sin and its eternal consequences. Underneath all else, I say, lies the overwhelming passion to see Christ known and exalted among the heathen. All this plus selfless, sacrificing efforts to honestly obey Christ's commands.

Like the parable of the little frog, men under strong impulse have done the supposedly impossible, with God's help. The Apostle Paul accomplished Herculean tasks because he felt strongly, "I must preach the Gospel in the regions beyond. I am a debtor to the heathen. . . woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." He owed it to them with an awful sense of obligation and responsibility like Asahel Grant, who said, "I cannot, I dare not go up to the judgment till I have done the utmost God enables me to do to diffuse His glory throughout the world." Are we so constrained?

### We Who Have the Gospel Owe It to Those Who Have It Not

Paul's rousing indictment against certain lethargic members of the Corinthian church of his day needs a re-preachment today. He wrote them, "Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of the truth. I speak this to your shame" (I Cor. 15:34). Two classes of people are here inferred. . . the "haves" and the "have nots." Among all nations, America has practically all the food, all the refrigerators, all the beds, all the

radios, etc., etc., and most of the Gospel. We do not work much at saving souls in America, but at least most people could find the Gospel. Copies of God's Word can be purchased in the dime store, there is one in practically every hotel room, and millions of American homes possess multi-copies of the Bible, New Testament or Gospels in one form or another. But millions "have not" the knowledge of the truth. In many areas of the world one can start a near riot by passing out the meagerest, even unattractively printed portion of the Bread of Life. At times I have seen people push and shove each other in their eagerness. . . "Does not that Book tell the way to Heaven? . . . Then I MUST have one, please, PLEASE," they cry, hoping against hope the supply will hold out until each has received his copy. The look of disappointment on some faces, when the supply fails, is a haunting memory. You just don't forget!

Now, whereas India can get along without our radios (only 12 million are accessible through this medium, the vast majority having never seen a receiving set), Africa can get along without our refrigerators, China can get along without our automobiles and Russia without our telephones, they cannot get along without "THE TRUTH THAT MAKES MEN FREE." The world is waiting for it and "God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined into our hearts, to GIVE THE LIGHT of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6). You and I are the diffusers of that light. God help you, me, us all, to take time by the forelock and in this day when communication and transportation would make possible the fulfilling of Jesus' command, wing the saving Gospel across land and sea like the beams of the morning. The steam-roller of communism would be stopped in its tracks and the might of Hell in all its other diversified forms would melt before the fire of such a crusade militantly advancing on its knees.

### Impossible? Not With God

It's not dispensational, we hear. "The end time is upon us! As it was in Noah's day," we are reminded by some! We must cushion ourselves for the inevitable! So? Hear the words of Jesus to your time-table predecessors. "He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power [that's God's business], but ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses UNTO ME . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth [that's your business]." Their speculations and questionings were irrelevant to the present business and the future work which they were, and we are, to carry on.

Then, eyes off the calendar, hands on the plow, Christian! Must Satan's plowshare gleam while your's rusts in the furrow?

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May He find us all "occupying" (not analyzing) when He comes. Let that "Noah's day dodge" for unbelief and inertia die from overwork. Here's how I know it is the Devil's ruse. . . But eight souls were saved in Noah's time, in contrast to the thousands of conversions in our day, belying the usual interpretation and application. Whatever else is implied in the parallelisms of then and now (they are there all right) this most certainly is not one of them.

Tragic indeed that many reputed leaders in the camp today stand exactly in the same relation to man-made circumstances as did the servant of Elisha, who frantically asked his master, "ALAS, Master, how shall we do?" He saw only the physical. Then Elisha prayed, "Lord I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man: and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (II Kings 7:17). He saw what had kept Elisha, the man of vision, unmoved and unperturbed when the enemy lay like grasshoppers around the city. Victory was not long in coming! Is not the God of Elisha alive today? We must get our eyes off the waves, or we'll go down too, just like Peter! We must come to reckon upon the invisible forces. They are real! God is on His throne. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever! We must stop beating a retreat! The communists are not giving themselves one year, two years, five years before evacuating, and we claim that Omnipotence is on our side! Where is our faith in the God who still cares for a "world," even that portion of it where masses languish behind man-made barriers of one sort or another?

In conclusion, God specializes in "impossible situations." The Bible is replete with instances of the intervention of the Almighty when there was "no hope." "All hope was taken away" of being saved, but Paul was aboard and proved to be the savable influence for the two hundred and seventy-six heathen voyagers on that storm-tossed Mediterranean. Not a hair of their heads perished. Paul is a type of the church in a turbulent world. I concede that barring the miraculous the world's plight is hopeless. Humanly speaking it is just impossible that the masses feed on the Living Bread as that the five loaves and two fishes should feed the multitudes of yesteryear. . . without the miracle; or that the Philistine armies should be defeated with "one smooth stone" . . . without the Holy Spirit as the range finder; or that "a measure of fine flour and two measures of barley should be sold for a shekel" in the gate of famine-stricken Samaria. . . without the "noise of horses and chariots"; or the route of the army of the Midianites could be accomplished . . . with the tumbling of barley cakes; or that a thousand other things could, or should happen, discounting God! "But God. . . BUT GOD. . . BUT GOD" . . . how many times this has been the pivotal point in human history, the turning point!

However, it is equally futile for us to gape starry-eyed into Heaven waiting for the miracle when He has ordained that we should consecrate our "all," our full tale of "loaves and fishes" into His hands for the accomplishment of the impossible. One of God's choice servants once put it this way, "Though you and I are very little beings, we must not rest satisfied until we have made our influence extend to the remotest corner of this ruined world." This we can do by placing our "bread and fish" resources in His hands. Then He who can paint a sunset, or create a universe with as much ease as He can grow a strawberry; He who demonstrated He could multiply grain above the ground as easily as when planted beneath the earth's surface, He, I say, can and will by divine implementation cause our "little" to go far. In our own hands, our very best is not enough to feed this hungry world, but uncompromisingly consecrated in His hands is more than enough, nor will the coming of others curtail our blessing for there shall be more to end with than at the start. When will we learn, in America, if we keep our loaves and fishes to our-

selves, even we shall not have enough, in failing to share we shall all languish for "there is a withholding that tendeth to poverty, but there is a scattering abroad that tendeth to plenty." Oh, the scope of His promise, provision and plenty!

Finally, Christ is the answer for every man's need, for the world's need! China has no sorrow that Christ's message cannot cure. India has no problem that Christ's message cannot solve. Japan has no question that Christ's message cannot answer. Africa has no darkness that Christ's message cannot dispel. Russia has no closed door which Christ cannot open, and the world no sinner that Christ cannot save. If so, then every man, woman and child languishing with hopes unfulfilled behind the curtains of heathenism or communism, is a challenge to the church in general and to the Christian in particular. May each and all be gripped with the per-

suation of William Carey, who refused to be dissuaded by well-meaning friends who strongly advised him to leave the hungry masses of the world to the sovereignty of God. He had but one philosophy of Christian discipleship, "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God!"


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